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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY
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ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed by the PTO on July 5, 2002.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Amendments to the specification were made to incorporate sequence ID numbers into the description section of the application. Marked-up sheets showing the changes made are attached.

1. Please replace the last paragraph on page 11 of the present specification with the following paragraph:

Fig. 5 shows the predicted tryptic peptide masses of the ORF (SEQ ID NOs: 10-13) identified in the University of Oklahoma *S aureus* genomic database that closely matches the tryptic peptide profile of the polypeptide bound by 77ORF104.

2. Please replace the last paragraph on page 45 of the present specification with the following paragraph: